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THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

'that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know why this lacuna was not found from 1884 to 1949? "

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Because, Sir, we did not perhaps have brilliant lawyers like the Leader of the Opposition. Very recently this was pointed out and therefore we have come forward with the amendment."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I move, Sir—

'*that the Madras Rivers Conservancy* (*Amendment*) *Bill*, 1949, *be passed into law*'."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'that the Madras Rivers Conservancy (Amendment) Bill, 1949, be passed into law'."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(10) THE TUTICORIN PORT TRUST (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 36 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Tuticorin Port Trust* (*Amendment*) *Bill* [a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 36 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once*'.

Under the present Act the minimum and maximum strength for the Port Trust are 9 and 13. It is now proposed to raise the minimum limit to 13 and the maximum to 17 in response to representations received by Government."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

'that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A Bill No. 36 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" The Government are now giving consideration for representations made to them and to public opinion. I think, Government are now turning the corner and are paying respect to public opinion. I commend their present action."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 6, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XIV on pages 706–709 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I move, Sir—

'*that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1949, be passed into law*'."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1949, be passed into law '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(11) THE MADRAS REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 37 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill* [a], 1949, (*L.A. Bill No.* 37 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Under the present Act any person who pays a fee of four annas for each day is entitled to come and search the register of Births and Deaths. The practice of allowing any and every person to handle this very valuable register is very risky and undesirable from very many points of view. So we are bringing the amendment which in two ways is very advantageous to the party. In one case, if the party under the present conditions wants to search, he has to pay four annas for each day and if the search goes on for the next day, he should again pay four annas for the next day. Secondly if the party concerned sends the prescribed fees and the postal charges, the party need not go and search; it will be done by the Registrar and the extract sent to the party. That is the normal procedure. It is not desirable to allow the parties to handle the documents."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" Motion moved—

' that the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once '."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I complement the Government on their wisdom. "

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once '."

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill*, 1949, *be passed into law*.'

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[a] Printed as Appendix XV on page 709 infra.